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The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "###". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org.

INTERSTATE 81

*** INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Motorists should watch for alternating lane closures on southbound Route 100 near the Interstate 81 bridge at mile marker 89 in Pulaski County. Crews will be repairing the I-81 bridge over southbound Route 100 and lane closures will be in place on Route 100 on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exit ramp from I-81 southbound onto Route 100 southbound will remain closed until the bridge is repaired. Work is expected to be completed by mid- July. Drivers traveling on northbound Route 100 who need to access southbound I-81, can use Honaker Road to get onto I-81 at exit 86. To access southbound Route 100 from southbound I-81, motorists should take exit 92 and use Kirby Road.

* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Bridge repairs at mile marker 114 may cause lane closures at mile marker 114 during nighttime hours on Wednesday, June 24.

* INTERSTATE 81 PAVING – Weather permitting, paving will impact traffic on southbound Interstate 81 in Montgomery County between mile marker 116 and mile marker 109 during nighttime hours. The right lane will be closed nightly between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

* INTERSTATE 81 DITCH CLEANING – Weather permitting, crews may clean out ditches along northbound and southbound I-81 between mile marker 119 and 126 in Montgomery County. Work may cause alternating shoulder closures on northbound and southbound I-81 during daytime or nighttime hours.

*** INTERSTATE 81 TREE REMOVAL** – Work to remove downed trees off I-81's shoulders may cause periodic shoulder closures between on weekdays between mile markers 130.5 and 147 in Roanoke County.

* INTERSTATE 81 MOWING – Weather permitting, watch for workers or equipment along the I-81 shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight or nighttime hours on weekdays due to mowing in Montgomery, Roanoke and Botetourt counties between mile markers 105 and 174.

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* **INTERSTATE 81 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Motorists should watch for right shoulder closures between mile markers 130 and 174 in Roanoke and Botetourt Counties while crews make shoulder repairs. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, guardrail repairs on southbound I-81 may cause left lane closures between mile markers 138 and 140 in Roanoke County on Sunday, June 21 during nighttime hours. In addition, shoulder closures may be in place on northbound I-81 at mile marker 144.6 during daylight hours on Tuesday, June 23.

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVEMENT OVERLAY** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on north and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 114 in Montgomery County while a latex overlay is applied to the roadway surface. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution in the work zone. Estimated completion is late June.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Work will include widening the travel lanes, adjusting curves, paving shoulders and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard. Intersection upgrades will be performed at Vest Drive and Girard Drive. The bridge over Mudlick Creek will be replaced with a pipe culvert. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures and should watch for signs and flaggers. Estimated completion is August 2010.
Colonial Avenue is closed to through traffic between Route 1593 (Vest Drive) and Route 1620 (Hazel Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. In addition, the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) is closed. This portion of Colonial Avenue is expected to be closed through Thursday, Aug. 27. Signs will be posted to detour traffic around the closure.

* **ROUTE 117 SHOULDER WORK** – Shoulder work may cause lane and shoulder closures on Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) between Route 118 (Airport Road) and Route 1825 (Newland Road). Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 220 UTILITY WORK** – Lane and shoulder closures may be in place on Route 220 (Franklin Road) from the Roanoke City limits to the Franklin County line while crews test a new water line. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 419 SIGNAL WORK** – Weather permitting, crews are adjusting the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 419 and Route 800 (Chaparral Drive). Motorists should watch for shoulder closures and crews working near the roadway on weekdays during daylight hours. Once the work is completed, the signal will allow permissive left turns on green, and motorists must yield to oncoming traffic when making left turns from Route 419 onto Chaparral Drive.

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* **ROUTE 11 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, work to mark pavement on Route 11 in Roanoke County may cause lane closures. Drivers should watch for periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 875 DRAINAGE WORK** – Drainage work may cause lane and shoulder closures on Route 875 (South Mountain Drive) near Route 904 (Starkey Road). Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 761 IMPROVEMENTS** – Work to widen Route 761 (Huffman Lane) starting at Route 658 (Rutrough Road) and extending to the road's dead end may cause daily lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays

* **ROUTE 1652 BOX CULVERT INSTALLATION** – Work to replace a box culvert on Route 1652 (Farmington Road) between Route 1573 (Cave Spring Lane) and Route 1676 (Lakeland Drive) continues. The road is closed to traffic on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

* **ROUTE 1162 DRAINAGE WORK** – Crews will make drainage improvements on Route 1162 (Stonemill Drive) between Kingsmill and Mill Pond Drive. A portion of Route 1166 (Kings Mill Drive) in the Woodbridge subdivision is closed from Route 1162 (Stone Mill Drive) to Route 1165 (Queens Mill Drive) until early June. Motorists will need to seek alternate routes around the closure.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 24 PATCHING** – Crews will patch pavement on Route 24 in the Smith Mountain lake area near its intersection with Route 755 (Morgans Mill Road) on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for lane closures.

* **ROUTE 221 WIDENING** – Work is underway to widen a 2.2-mile section of Route 221 from just west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to east of Route 663 west of Forest. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph in this area. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction. **Motorists should watch for flaggers, signs and new traffic patterns.** Periodic nighttime lane closures may occur at various locations, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work on this project will continue into late 2009.

* **ROUTE 460 PATCHING** – Crews will patch pavement on Route 460 in the Irving area on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for lane closures.

* **ROUTE 637 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT** – A portion of Route 637 (Penns Mill Road) is closed for a pipe replacement. The closure starts 0.5 miles north of Route 638 and extends to 0.3 miles south of Route 613. Signs are in place detailing traffic to alternate routes. Route 637 will remain closed until work is completed in late July 2009.

* **ROUTE 754 PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will be patching on Route 754 (Saunders Grove Drive) on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for flaggers and signs directing traffic.

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* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, watch for workers or equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on the following routes due to mowing:

- Route 658 (Walnut Hollow Road) in the Big Island area
- Route 659 (Hawkins Mill Road) in the Big Island area
- Various secondary roads in the New London area

* **ROUTE 784 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Crews are working to replace a pipe on Route 784 (Triggs Road). Temporary gravel has been placed on the pipe, and paving will be scheduled.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on southbound Route 220 on weekdays during daylight hours in the following locations:

- Between Route 681 (Mt. Moriah Road) and Route 695 (Catawba Creek Road)
- Between Route 655 (Old Fincastle Road) and Route 695 (Catawba Creek Road)
- Between Route 779 (Catawba Road) and Route 675 (Glebe Road)

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 220 northbound between Route 779 (Catawba Road) and Route 675 (Glebe Road) while crews make shoulder repairs. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE WORK** – Work has begun to rehabilitate a pair of bridges on I-77 at marker 23.6 in the Poplar Camp area. These bridges are located about 0.6 mile south of the Wythe County line and carry northbound and southbound I-77 over Route 743 (Pleasant Hill Road). On northbound and southbound I-77, the speed limit has been reduced to 55 mph and two lanes of traffic remain open but have been shifted onto the paved shoulder. Be alert to changing traffic patterns and possible lane closures during nighttime hours.

The previously announced traffic switch on I-77 at mile marker 23 has been delayed until Monday evening, June 22. Beginning at 8 p.m., crews will be changing the traffic pattern in the work zone on I-77 southbound. While the change is taking place, traffic will be reduced to one lane on I-77 southbound. When the traffic pattern change is completed, two lanes of traffic will remain open on southbound I-77, but traffic will run on either side of the work zone. Large vehicles and wide loads must use the right lane, which will be 16 feet wide. The left lane will be reduced to 11 feet wide.

* **INTERSTATE 77 SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS** – Crews will be making shoulder and guardrail improvements on southbound Interstate 77 from mile marker 23 to mile marker 14. Motorists should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and left lane closures Sunday through Thursday between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Message boards will alert drivers to lane closures.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.1 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge will be widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

CRAIG COUNTY

*** ROUTE 42 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, shoulder work may cause lane and shoulder closures on Route 42 from the east end of Route 622 to the Giles County line.

*** ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, shoulder work may cause lane and shoulder closures on Route 311 from Route 611 to the West Virginia State line.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

*** ROUTE 122 & ROUTE 116 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is underway to improve the intersection of Route 122 and Route 116 in Franklin County. Work will include the installation of a new traffic signal. Temporary lane closures may be in place at various locations in the work zone. Motorist should watch for signs and flaggers and use caution in the area. Estimated completion is November 2009.

*** ROUTE 220 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The exit ramp leading from northbound Route 220 onto northbound Route 220 Business in Franklin County is closed. This ramp is located just south of Rocky Mount in the Doe Run area. The ramp will be closed until August while the bridge that carries Route 220 Business over Route 220 is replaced. A detour is posted directing traffic on northbound Route 220 to use the Route 40 exit to access Route 220 Business (South Main Street). During the ramp closure, vehicles also are prohibited from making left turns at the crossover from northbound Route 220 onto Southside Drive, Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 beneath the bridge due to bridge beams being removed. Signs and message boards will be in place on Route 220 to advise motorists of lane closures. Drivers should expect delays as northbound Route 220 traffic may be stopped at times. Estimated completion is August.

* **ROUTE 623 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be repairing the bridge deck on Route 623 (Fairystone Road). Motorists should watch for lane closures between Route 605 (Henry Road) and Route 788 (Dry Hill Road).

* **SURFACE TREATING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Weather permitting, crews may surface treat various secondary roads throughout Franklin County. Work may be performed during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and flaggers controlling traffic. Estimated completion is in June.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers controlling traffic along various secondary roads throughout Franklin County between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to pavement patching.

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers, possible lane and shoulder closures on various roads in Franklin County due to mowing. Crews may direct traffic between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. Estimated completion is November 2010.

* **ROUTE 57 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will be painting pavement markings on Route 57. Motorists should watch for mobile lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. ***On Monday, June 22, Route 639 (Phospho Springs Road) will be closed to through traffic underneath the Main Street Bridge in Ridgeway to allow for setting of bridge beams. Work is anticipated to be complete and the road re-opened to traffic by Wednesday, July 1, weather permitting.***

* **ROUTE 619 DAMAGED CULVERT** – Route 619 (Lawrence Drive) between Route 57 (Chatham Road) and Route 647 (Mountain Valley Road) is closed to through traffic. No estimate for reopening the road is available at this time.

* **ROUTE 650 RECONSTRUCTION** – Work is under way to reconstruct Route 650 (Irisburg Road) between Route 697 (Mitchell Road) and Route 625 (Poplar Fork Road). Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair shoulders on the eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass. Drivers can expect right and left lane closures during nighttime hours.

* **ROUTE 460 SWEEPING** – Work to sweep debris off the shoulders along Route 460 may cause alternating shoulder closures. Expect alternating shoulder closures along eastbound and westbound Route 460 during nighttime hours.

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. *Drivers should expect delays on Route 114 near the New River Valley Mall on Saturday, June 20 while crews perform utility work. Beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, traffic on Route 114 west of the New River Valley Mall will be shifted onto new roadway. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. Flaggers may assist with traffic while crews install a utility line. Work is expected to be completed by 5 p.m. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area and expect delays.*

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE WORK** – Work is under way to replace the riding surface on the Route 11 bridge over Plum Creek. The bridge is located about 0.2 mile from the east Radford City limits near the High Meadow subdivision. Traffic across the bridge is reduced to one lane, and a temporary signal is controlling traffic. Drivers should expect delays. *Drivers should be alert to changes in traffic patterns in this work zone. The temporary signal may be shut down for one day so paving can be performed. During the paving, flaggers will control traffic.*

* **ROUTE 11 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will be painting pavement markings on Route 11. Motorists should watch for mobile lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGEOVER ROUTE 641 PAINTING** – Weather permitting, crews may paint the Interstate 81 bridge over Route 641 (Den Hill Road) and the railroad tracks. Flaggers will control traffic on Route 641 beneath the bridge, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Drivers should expect delays. This work is expected to be completed by Sunday, June 21.

* **ROUTE 725 BRIDGE REPAIRS** - Beginning Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26, a portion of Route 725 (Poverty Creek Road) will be closed to through traffic daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crews will be making bridge repairs. Route 725 (Poverty Creek Road) will be closed from 0.5 mile from Route 655 to 0.7 miles from the end of the road. Motorists should use caution in the area and seek alternate routes.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 57 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will be painting pavement markings on Route 57. Motorists should watch for mobile lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.